

world which our greatest living painter has conceived and realized in his master-work. I speak not of things invisible or in the fashion of a dream; for Mr. Watts, in his fresco that looks down on the Hall of Lincoln's Inn, has both seen them and made them visible to others. In that world Moses and Manu sit enthroned side by side, guiding the dawning sense of judgment and righteousness in the two master races of the earth: Solon and Scaevola and Ulpian walk as familiar friends with Blackstone and Kent, with Holt and Marshall; and the bigotry of a Justinian and the crimes of a Bonaparte are forgotten, because at their bidding the rough places of the ways of justice were made plain. There you shall see in very truth how the spark fostered in our own land by Glanvill and Bracton waxed into a clear flame under the care of Brian and Choke, Littleton and Fortescue, was tended by Coke and Hale, and was made a light to shine round the world by Holt, and Mansfield, and the Scotts, and others whom living men remember. You shall understand how great a heritage is the law of England, whereof we and our brethren across the ocean are partakers, and you shall deem treaties and covenants a feeble bond in comparison of it; and you shall know with certain assurance, that however arduous has been your pilgrimage, the achievement is a full answer. So venerable, so majestic, is this living temple of justice, this immemorial and yet freshly-growing fabric of the common law, that the least of us is happy who hereafter may point to so much as one stone thereof and say, The work of my hands is there."

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, Jan. 10.
Judicial Abandonments.

Dame Marie Adèle Lesieur Desaulniers, wife *séparée* of Joseph Lavigne, doing business as Lavigne & Co., Farnham, Jan. 5.

Louis Marion and Joseph Chenier, traders, Hull, Dec. 22.

Meril Ménard, St. Hyacinthe, Jan. 7.

John A. Paterson & Co., wholesale milliners, Montreal, Jan. 5.

Curators Appointed.

Re Camille Bertrand, Longueuil.—Lamarche & Frigon, Montreal, joint curator, Jan. 5.

Re H. Bourassa, Montreal.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Jan. 5.

Re Lamallice, frère, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Jan. 3.

Re Vaillancourt, frère.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Jan. 3.

Dividends.

Re Ulric Baril.—First dividend, payable Jan. 19, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Eugène Bourassa.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 28, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Evariste Gélinas.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 27, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re W. H. Madden, Beauharnois.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 28, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Quebec Shoe Co.—Third and final dividend, payable Jan. 18, D. Arcand, Quebec, liquidator.

Separation as to Property.

Marie Odile Méline Aubertin vs. Eusèbe Durocher, farmer, parish of Pointe aux-Trembles, Dec. 31.

Alphonsine Brodeur vs. Basile Massé, cabinet-maker, St. Hyacinthe, Jan. 2.

Cordélie Gervais vs. Edouard Bellerose, trader, Sorel, Dec. 29.

Georgianna Lambert vs. Damase Samson, farmer, St. Charles de Bellechasse, Dec. 24.

GENERAL NOTES.

SOLICITORS AND THE BAR.—Since the new regulation as to the admission of solicitors to the bar without keeping terms came into operation, early this year, twenty-four solicitors have given notice of their intention to migrate to the higher branch of their profession.—*Law Journal* (London).

REGULATION OF COURT DRESS.—Lord Powis's new clause to the Sheriffs Assizes Expenses Bill, to the effect that a sheriff should not be required to attend in Court dress or in uniform at the assizes, was 'by leave withdrawn,' the Lord Chancellor observing that it was beneath the dignity of the House of Lords to attempt to regulate the dress of the high sheriff, and his lordship laid down that 'it is not obligatory on that functionary to appear at the assizes either in Court dress or in uniform.' However this may be, there is no doubt that the personal attendance of a high sheriff either in full dress or uniform has hitherto been invariably accorded at assizes, and we believe that we are correct in stating that the late Mr. Justice Quain once fined a sheriff 500*l.* for not being properly dressed.—*ib.*

PENMANSHIP.—'Observer' writes to the editor of the *Manchester Guardian*: 'Sir,—I observed in the *Guardian* a few days since a complaint from one of the judges that the writing of the clerks in Court was so illegible that he could scarcely read it. Unfortunately this does not apply to the Courts alone, but is of too general occurrence. It would seem as if illegible bad writing were fashionable, as it is practised by those who have been well educated. I am now in my eightieth year, and should feel ashamed of the bad writing I often see. I imagine that good penmanship in most of our schools is seldom taught.'